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September 13th, 1917.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, Toronto University,

Toronto.

My dear Sir Robert:-

I enclose copy of an extract from a memorandum sent to me by some of the men in your Battery at Petawawa, in which they ask for a position for a returned soldier who is head of this unit. He also happens to be a graduate of the School of Science, of the University of Toronto. They refer to Lieutenant H. E. Cawley. I explained to them that it is not a matter over which this office has any control. I know Professor Carruthers myself, as well as his son, and I think this man is an excellent officer, but at the request of the men I am transmitting to you an extract from their petition in the matter. I explained that I could do nothing but transmit it to you for your information, which I do.

Hoping you are well, and congratulating you on all the University of Toronto has done in this war.

Yours very truly,

M. T. L. Church Mayor.

Appointments to the Varsity Battery must first be promulgated by President Falconer, before consideration at Ottawa, and must also include that the appointee be a graduate of Toronto University, both men however have qaulified in this respect, Lieut. Cawley being a graduate of the School of Science.

When I compare Cawley with Carruthers you will perhaps understand my meaning. Carruthers is a qualified Captain from the "Far-famed Royal School of Artillery, his only military experience being his experienceat R. S. A., Kingston. Mr. Cawley enlisted at St. Catharines, Ont., on August 7th., 1914, as a gunner in the 10th Battery, C. F. A., C. E. F., and trained at Valcartier and Salisbury Plains. As a Corporal in this Battery he participated in the battles of Fleur Baix, Rue Du Bois, St. Julien, St. Jean, Brielen and Festubert. In May, 1916, at the Battle of Givenchy, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, for conspicuous gallantry in the field. After receiving his commission he was at Loos, Sanctuary Wood and St. Elois, until November of the same year, when invalided home to Canada. On the 26th of December, 1916, he obtained his transfer to the 71st Battery, from the Reserve Brigade, Shorncliffe. While with our Battery in this Brigade, he has been considered by all, as one of the most efficient and best of Officers.

September 14th, 1917

His Worship
Mayor Church,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I have also had letters from officers of Battery No. 87 with regard to the Commanding Officer's appointment, and in especial in opposition to the nomination of Captain Carruthers.

Colonel Lake has been in communication with Headquarters concerning the appointment of a Commanding Officer and I hope that when the military authorities make their appointment it will be found to be thoroughly satisfactory to the Battery.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 30th, 1918

T. L. Church, Esq.,

Mayor of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I have to thank you very much for your kind letter in acknowledgment of the contributions made by the University to the Patriotic Fund. I do not need to assure you that every one was only too glad to do his or her part. Though the total amount reached was not as great as last year you will understand that this was due to the fact that we have fewer in the University, and that with the small increases, or in many cases no increase, made to the salaries in the last year the givings were really more liberal than the year before taking into account the great rise in the cost of living.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.